

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Town of Brownfield
April 26, 2011

Selectmen Present: Carol Brooks and Erik Walker

Others Present: Keith Chapman (Member of Maine AMC and Friends of Burnt Meadow Mountains), Frank Day, Douglas Ofiara (Member of Maine AMC and Founder of Friends of Burnt Meadow Mountains), Richard Perreault and Linda Pestilli

The Selectmen met at 5:45 to review and sign warrants. The business portion of the meeting opened at 6:15 P.M.

Frank Day stopped by to drop off proposed warrant articles relating to the PW Department. Since the State was contacted almost two weeks ago about the plugged culvert by McKinney's on Main Street with no response, the PW Department (with the help of a fire truck) cleaned it out. It only took an hour and a half to take care of the situation.

Chief Perreault asked Julie to check her and Cindy Willet's calendar in order to schedule a "City Watch" training. Dickie will also be involved with this and a date will be scheduled in early May. There was a car accident on Route 160 near the hiking trail on Burnt Meadow Mountain late Sunday afternoon. Excessive speed was apparently a factor. The Community Center can be designated as a daytime shelter in an emergency, but funds are not available to expand it to a night shelter because there are already ones located at Sacopee Valley Middle School in Hiram and Molly Ockett Middle School in Fryeburg.

Douglas Ofiara and Keith Chapman had asked to meet with the Selectmen to update them as to work that has been taking place on the Burnt Meadow Mountains. Members of the Maine AMC and a Boy Scout Troop from Scarborough have done work on the trails that start at the parking lot across from the pond on Route 160. The original trail has been expanded to create a loop and an additional leg at the top that extends across to another peak. Landowner permission was obtained to extend the trails and Hugh Hastings spent approximately \$5,000 to expand the parking lot at the base. A kiosk has been built with maps and trails depicted. A weatherproof box will be installed where hikers can write their names and where they are from, note weather and trail conditions, etc. Friends of Burnt Meadow Mountains are in the process of trying to create a website which can be linked to the Town's website. Long-term plans are to contact more landowners in order to create additional hiking trails in this area as well as in West Brownfield and near the Porter/Hiram town borders. June 4th is National Trails Day and a group of volunteers will be in the area to help with trail work. Anyone interested in joining Friends of Burnt Meadow Mountains or to get more information can contact Douglas Ofiara at 207-885-9183 or dofiara@maine.rr.com.

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At the end of the meeting, a resident from Porter who owns the Laundromat and storage units in Brownfield came in to ask the Selectmen about possible grading of a portion of road at the intersection of Porter Road in Brownfield and Kennard Hill Road in Porter. Mr. Viera was asked to come back to meet with the Selectmen and the PW Director next Tuesday night.

Erik made a motion that was seconded by Carol to adjourn at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Watkins
Town Administrator